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For : METHOD OF PREPARING (S)- OR (R) -3, 3, 3-
TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-METHYLPROPRIONIC
ACID

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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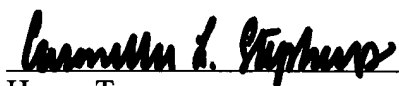
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2000,

Applicants elect to pursue the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-3 and 15-21, in the
instant application. Applicants request that non-elected Claims 4-14 and Claims 22-23 be

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canceled without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims
in other patent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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